

REMARKS

No claims have been added, amended or cancelled. As a result, claims 4-6, 10-12, and 15-22 remain pending. Claims 10-12, 15 and 22 have been withdrawn as non-elected. The Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce the non-elected claims in this Application, or in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement mailed September 25, 2008, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 4-6, 16-21 are drawn to an encoder, classified in class 375, subclass 146
- II. Claims 10-12, 15 and 22 are drawn to a decoder, classified in class 375, subclass 150

Applicant provisionally elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 4-6 and 16-21.

If the restriction requirement is maintained, Applicant requests rejoinder if a generic claim is allowed and reserves the right to reintroduce the claims in one or more Divisional or Continuation applications at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (408) 545-7194 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

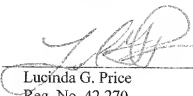
If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3781.

Respectfully submitted,

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